ore has been suggested by the State Governments of Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa. Details of increases sought are given in the statement below

Some of the State Governments have justified seeking higher rates on account of increased prices for such minerals in domestic as well as international markets

STATEMENT

Sl No.	*Name of Mineral*	*Existing Rate of royalty per tonne*	*Rates per tonne proposed by State Governments*
1	2	3	4
1.	Iron Ore (Various grades)	Rs. 0.50 to Rs. 6 00	Rs. 0 50 to Rs. 14 00
2.	Manganese Ore (Various grades)	Rs 2.00 to Rs 45 00	Rs. 4.00 to Rs 92 00
3.	Chrome Ore (Various grades)	Rs. 5 00 to Rs 60 00	Rs. 6 00 to Rs. 78 00

Opening of Post Offices in Orissa

359. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the total number of Post Offices, both Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices opened during 1990-91 and proposed to be opened in 1991-92 in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): During 1990-91, 88 Branch Post Offices and 7 Departmental Sub Post Offices were opened in Orissa

During 1991-92, 100 Branch Post Offices and 10 Departmental Sub Post Offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa

Opening of Rural Telephone Changes in Orissa

360. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rural Telephone Exchanges opened during 1990-91 and proposed to be opened in 1991-92 in Orissa;

(b) whether most of such Telephone Exchanges opened during 1990-91, are yet to be commissioned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) 42 Nos. opened during 1990-91 and 30 Nos. are proposed to be opened during 1991-92.

(b) All the 42 Rural Telephone Exchanges were commissioned

(c) Does not arise

[*Translation*]

Arrests in Connection with the Assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi

361. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested so far in connection with the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi; and